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Perception of political needs and attributing transcendental importance to it is as old as the FBI. It did not end with the passing of J. Edgar Hoover.

When the FBI gets the political hots nothing stops it. Law generally is no consideration, certainly no inhibition. Control is political. The FBI has a jugular instinct for the political and for control, which are inextricably intertwined.

This is not limited to political assassinations, where it has been FBI practice.

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Earlier in 1976 he dismissed an employee, Jacki Srouji, for a "special relationship" with the FBI. Immediately thereafter, on May 6 and 10, he was the subject of ~~false~~ false and defamatory FBI reports of "allegations of Seigenthaler having illicit relations with young girls." The faceless unnamed source quoted another without face or name. He said that for journalists such relationships are wrong and compromise journalism. This was an inherent criticism of the FBI.

Obviously, whether true or false, this kind of thing is no proper concern of the FBI - or anyone else outside Seigenthaler's family. In a lengthy article in his own paper that he also syndicated, he exposed the rotten mess. As it appeared in the Washington Star of July 31, 1977 it was headlined "The FBI Is a Vacuum Cleaner for Raw Gossip."

Yet this was six months after the country was ~~believed~~ led to believe after the FBI's confession of Hoover's sins of this character against "ing" that its prying into personal lives and the compilation of dossiers of the personal would end forever. The FBI was not only in the same dirty business, it was misusing its false information in the same way, with Seigenthaler by telling The New York Times about it.

There is no possible law ~~enforcement~~ enforcement purpose in ~~gathering~~ spending large sums of tax money for the compilation of blackmail.

But the FBI conceived a political purpose in gathering dirt on the respected Seigenthaler so it ~~did~~ continued doing what it has always done, exactly as it had for years with King. What it did with King will interest us later.

The point here is that nothing stops the FBI when it has political objective when it is criticized or when it has its own purposes, whether or not these purposes are within its jurisdiction or authority and regardless of law.